

The various types and denominations of notes issued by the National Banks are displayed here, as well as several representative notes from the States, Territories, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The most complete collection of 1902 Red Seal Notes, many of them number one notes, are also featured. In the center of the room a platform is reserved for the eventual acquisition of a printing press. Presently a glass case displays artifacts of the National Banks.

#### MISSOURI ROOM

Several rare uncut sheets, both large and small size notes are displayed in this room. The most complete collection of the notes issued by the banks of Missouri are arranged alphabetically, by town, around the walls.

#### MINNESOTA ROOM

Many rare and interesting notes from the state of Minnesota are displayed in this room. The number one \$1.00 note from the First National Bank of Northfield, the bank robbed by the James brothers, and the only known note from Sleepy Eye Lake is featured.



#### BOTH IOWA ROOMS

These two rooms contain the most complete state collection of National Bank notes ever assembled from a major state. 278 different Iowa towns are represented from all 99 Iowa counties. Many of these notes are the only notes known to exist and are of the finest condition obtainable.



## William R. Higgins, Jr.

Mr. Higgins grew up in Clay and Dickinson Counties and served as Mayor of Okoboji for fourteen years, from 1960 to 1974. A collector since his early youth, for thirty years he collected crowns of the world. When his collection was sold in three important auctions in 1973 and 1974, it was the largest such collection in private hands in the world. Over 7000 different silver dollar size coins were sold at auction. The proceeds of these sales made this museum possible.



This printing press is on loan to the Higgins Museum for exhibit purposes from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. This press was obtained through the courtesy of President Ronald Reagan.



## HIGGINS MUSEUM

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Closed: Monday

Opening Date: Mid-June • Closing Date: Labor Day

The purpose of this Museum is to acquire, preserve and display the notes and artifacts of the National Banks. The National Banking system played a key role in the financing of the Civil War, and in stabilizing the banking system and provided credit to both the government and the public during the important fifty-year period between the Civil War and World War One. Iowa in particular was well served by the National Banks. The first bank to open for business, and for two days the only National Bank in America was the First National Bank of Davenport, Charter number 15. 496 National Banks in 300 Iowa Communities issued National Bank Notes during the Period 1863-1935.

Many people regard these notes as America's Commemorative paper money. The Landing of Columbus, the embarkation of the Pilgrims, the signing of the Declaration of Independence and other great events of our history are illustrated on the notes of the first charter period. All of the notes honor the towns, the banks, and many thousands of individuals who played key roles in the development of our country and its resources.

We feel fortunate to have this Museum and these great reminders of our heritage.

John Hickman, a leading cataloger and dealer in National Bank Notes has been the Curator since the Museum opened.

We hope you will enjoy your visit and will tell your friends about us.



## \$100 Spirit Lake Note

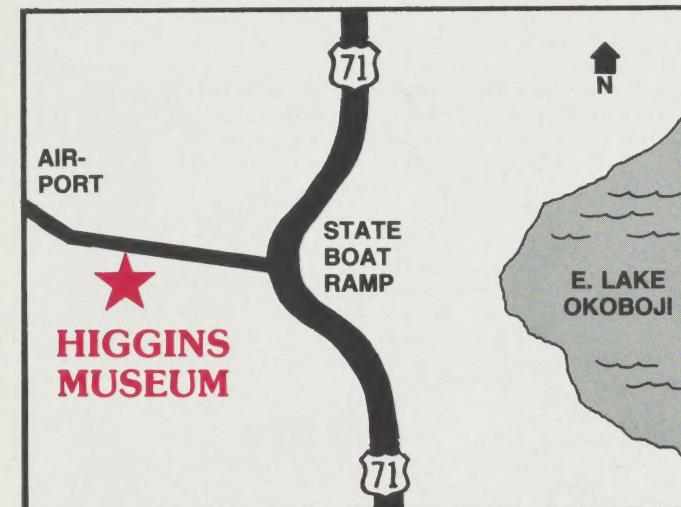
This very significant note was in the great Albert Grinnell Collection and was acquired from Amon Carter in 1972. The purchase of this note was instrumental in the decision to build this museum.



## \$5 Knob Noster Note

“Our Hill” in Latin. Part of the charm of these notes are the interesting names found on them. This note is presently unique.

## IOWA GREAT LAKES AREA



## \$10 Higgins Note

This rare note is from the only United States town of this name to issue notes. Presented to the President's Secretary in the summer of 1929 and acquired by us years after her retirement.



## \$10 Louisville Note

This note is from the last bank to issue National Bank Notes. Chartered on January 8, 1935, 25,000 notes of this type were issued.